

Claims

1. An animal travel harness comprising:

- a neck strap adapted to fit around the neck of an animal to be restrained;

5 - a body strap adapted to fit around the body of said animal;

- a chest strap, interconnecting the neck strap and the body strap, and adapted to embrace the chest of said animal; and

- a spine strap, interconnecting the neck strap and the body strap, and adapted to extend along a portion of the spine of said animal;

10 and wherein:

- the body strap is provided with two fixing points, arranged at either side thereof between the chest strap and the spine strap, each said fixing point being adapted to engage with one end of a linkage adapted at its other end for attachment to a motor vehicle seat; and

15 - the spine strap is provided with a further fixing point adapted to engage with a standard animal exercise lead.

2. An animal travel harness as claimed in claim 1, wherein the neck strap and/or the body strap are formed as a generally circular, continuous loop.

3. An animal travel harness as claimed in claim 1, wherein the neck strap 20 has two free ends, each said end having complementary engagement means to enable the neck strap to be fastened around the neck of said animal.

4. An animal travel harness as claimed in claim 1 or claim 3, wherein the body strap has two free ends, each said end having complementary engagement means to enable the body strap to be fastened around the body 25 of said animal.

5. An animal travel harness as claimed in claim 1 or claim 3, wherein the body strap comprises an upper half strap and a lower half strap, each said half strap having two free ends, each provided with complementary engagement means to enable engagement with the other half strap.
- 5 6. An animal travel harness as claimed in claim 5, wherein the upper half strap is attached to the spine strap only, and the lower half strap is attached to the chest strap only.
7. An animal travel harness as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6, wherein the fixing points are located at or adjacent the complementary engagement 10 means on the body strap.
8. An animal travel harness as claimed in any of claims 3 to 7, wherein the or each complementary engagement means comprises a quick release clasp mechanism.
9. An animal travel harness as claimed in any of the preceding claims, 15 wherein the neck strap and/or the body strap are adjustable, to accommodate animals of differing sizes.
10. An animal travel harness as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein each strap is adjustable.
11. An animal travel harness as claimed in any of the preceding claims, 20 wherein the chest strap is expanded laterally and padded to provide additional support and comfort to said animal.
12. An animal travel harness as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein each fixing point comprises a metal ring.
13. An animal restraint system comprising:
 - 25 - an animal travel harness as claimed in any of the preceding claims;

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- a generally circular belt, adapted to be secured to an upright portion of a motor vehicle seat, by extending horizontally therearound and comprising at least two forwardly-directed fixing points;
- a pair of linkages, each adapted to engage at one end thereof with a fixing point on the body strap of the harness, and at the other end thereof with a fixing point on the belt.
- 14. An animal restraint system as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a third linkage, adapted to engage at one end thereof with the further fixing point on the spine strap of the harness, and at the other end thereof with a third fixing point on the belt.
- 15. An animal restraint system as claimed in claim 12 or claim 13; wherein each belt fixing point comprises a metal ring, and each linkage is provided at either end thereof with a standard dog lead clip to enable connection of said end to its respective fixing point.
- 16. An animal restraint system as claimed in any of claims 12 to 14, wherein each linkage is adjustable.
- 17. An animal restraint system as claimed in any of claims 12 to 16, further comprising a coat for said animal, said coat having apertures adapted to receive one or more straps of said harness.